## California State Council on Developmental Disabilities

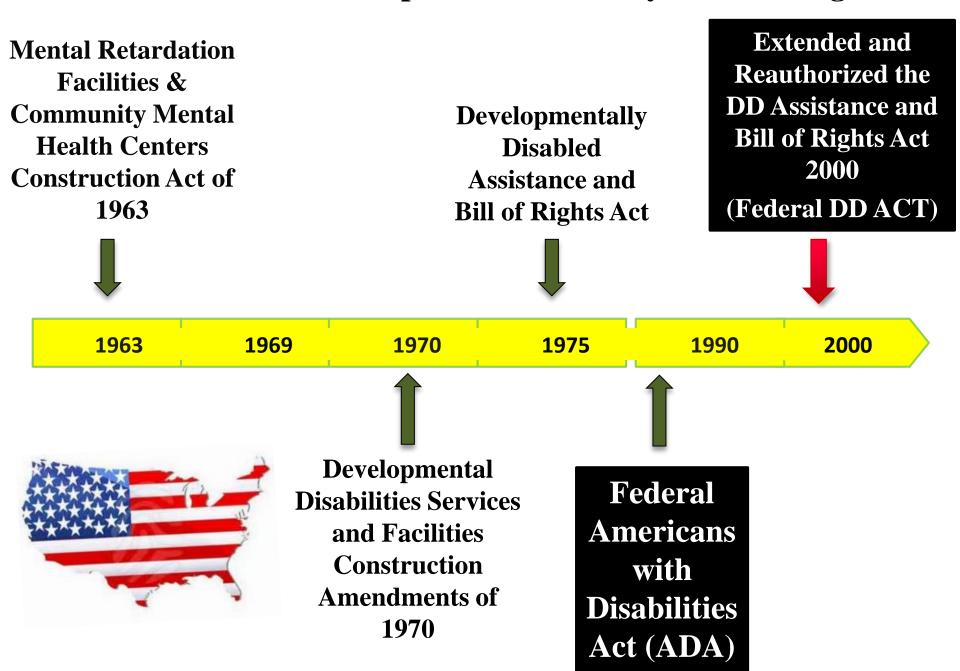
### History and Mission



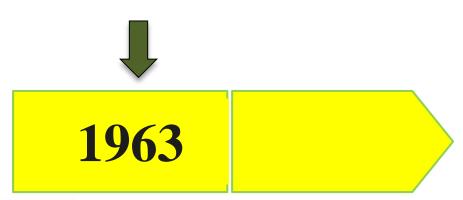




People with developmental disabilities haven't always had the same protections, freedoms, supports, and services that we see and respect today.

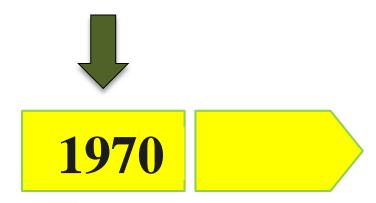


## Mental Retardation Facilities & Community Mental Health Centers Construction Act of 1963



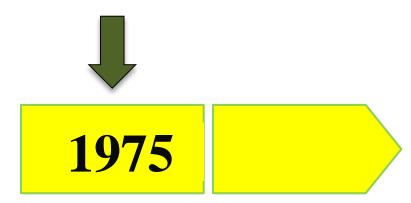


## Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Amendments of 1970



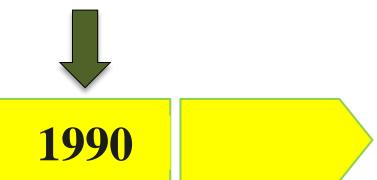


### Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights Act



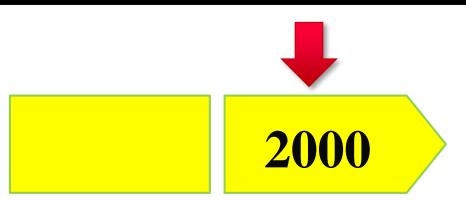








Extended and Reauthorized the DD Assistance and Bill of Rights Act 2000
(Federal DD ACT)



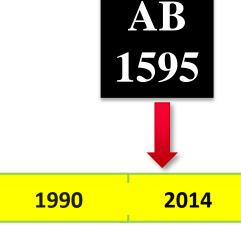


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  - Cerebral Palsy
    - Epilepsy
- Neurological condition occurring prior to age <u>18</u>



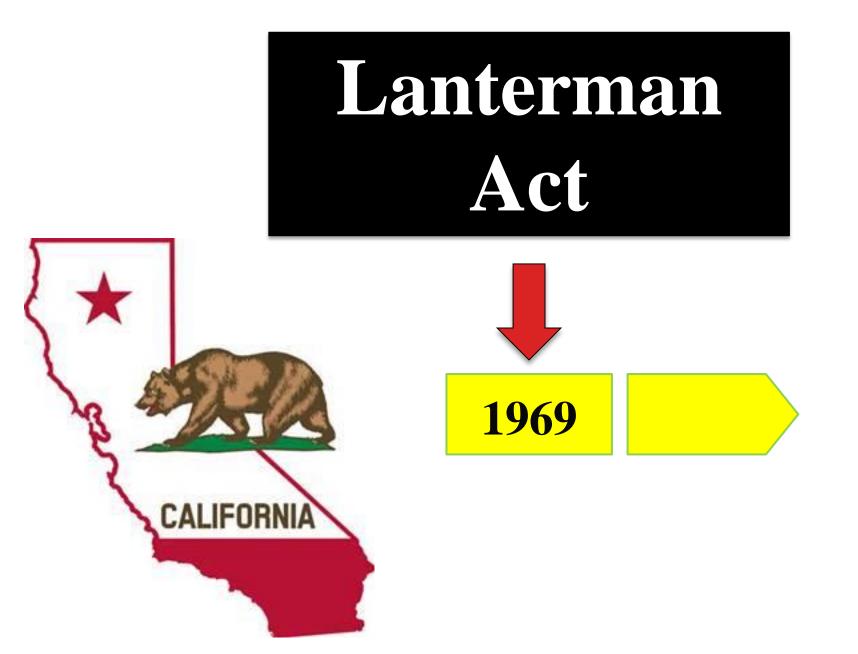
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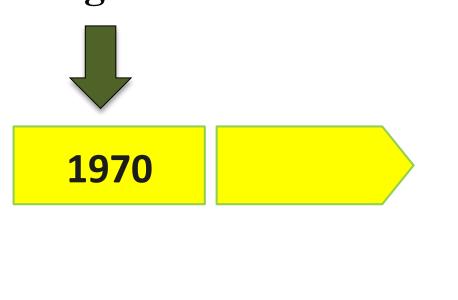
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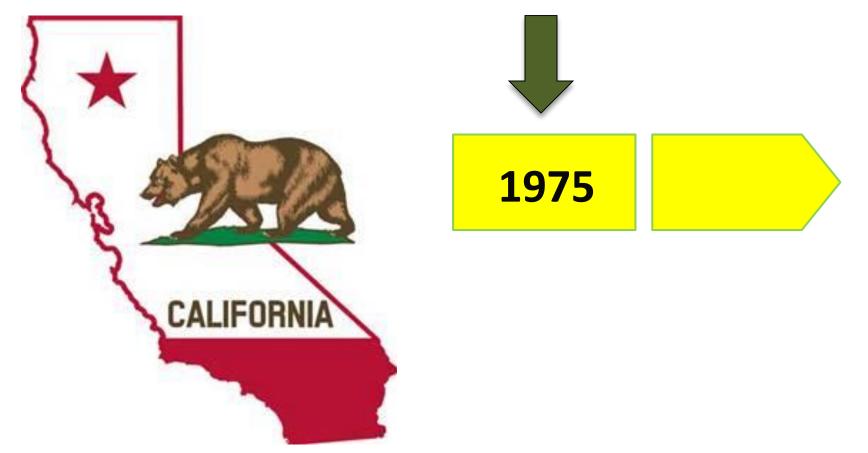
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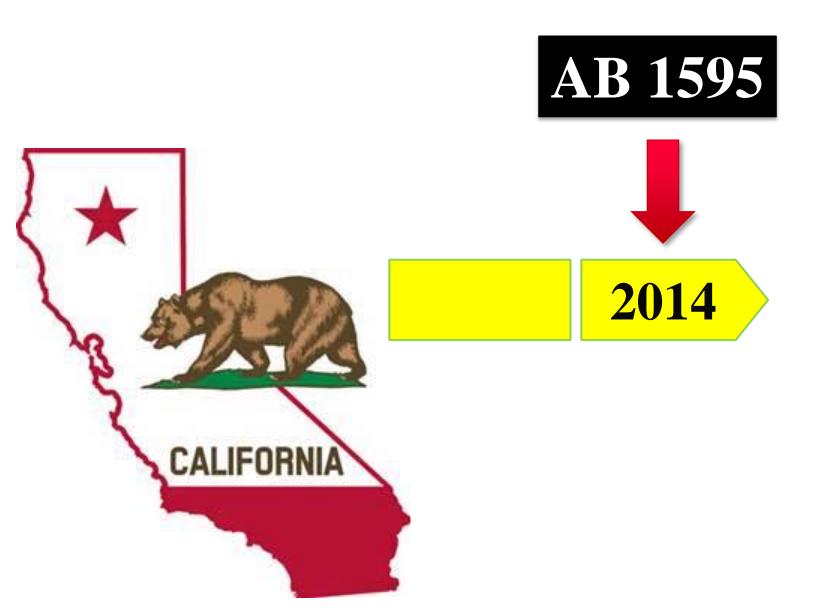
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# The Federal DD Act vs.

The Lanterman Act

# Definitions of 'Developmental Disabilities'







Narrow

### Developmental Disability:



Severe, chronic disability

Starts before age 22 and is likely to continue indefinitely...

It may involve one or more intellectual <u>or</u> physical disabilities or a combination of <u>both</u>.

### **Developmental Disability (Cont.):**

Or – a condition from birth to age 9
(which, with no services, is likely to result in significant disability later in life)



### Limitations in 3 or more areas:

- Self-care (activities of daily living)
- Communication (expressive/receptive)
- Learning, remembering and problemsolving
  - Mobility
  - Self-direction
  - Ability to live independently
  - Economically self-supporting, or
  - Needs supports and specialized services

### Lanterman Act

### **Developmental Disability:**

Significant, but not just physical

- Occurs *before* the age of 18
  - **Intellectual Disability** 
    - **Cerebral Palsy** 
      - Epilepsy
      - Autism
  - Other Conditions

## Definitions of Specific Personal Rights



Now: The goals of the Nation properly include giving people with developmental disabilities the information, skills, opportunities, and supports to -

# Live in homes and communities in which they can exercise full rights and responsibilities as citizens;



# Make informed choices and decisions about their lives...



# Pursue meaningful and productive lives...



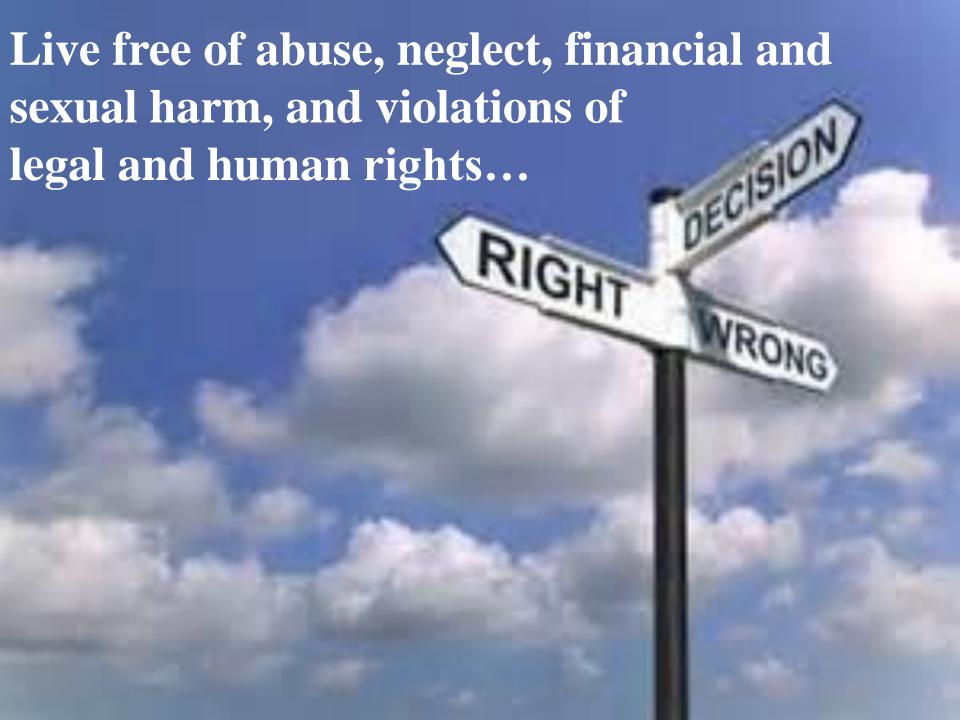
# Contribute to their families, communities, States, and the Nation...

### Overcome

o-ver-come v.- To deal with with successfully; prevail over; surmount.

### Have friendships and relationships with other persons





### Achieve full integration and inclusion

- in an individualized manner
- with the unique strengths,
   resources, priorities,
   concerns, abilities, and
   capabilities of each
   person...



A healthy relationship will never require you eto sacrifice your > friends, your dreams, or your dignity. (Mandy Hale)





A right to free, appropriate, public education, regardless of disability

A right to be free from harm, unnecessary physical restraint, isolation, too much medication, abuse, neglect, or hazardous procedures



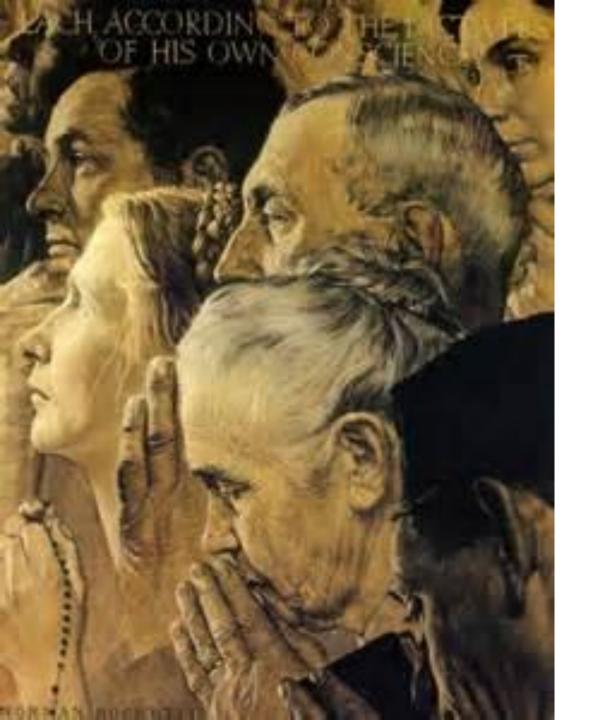
A right to prompt medical care and treatment

A right to dignity, privacy, and humane care. When possible, treatment, services and supports shall be provided in natural community settings.



The right to a prompt investigation of any alleged abuse





A right to religious freedom and practice



## The Federal DD Act authorizes the funding of 56 Councils in the United States and its territories...



#### Federal DD Act







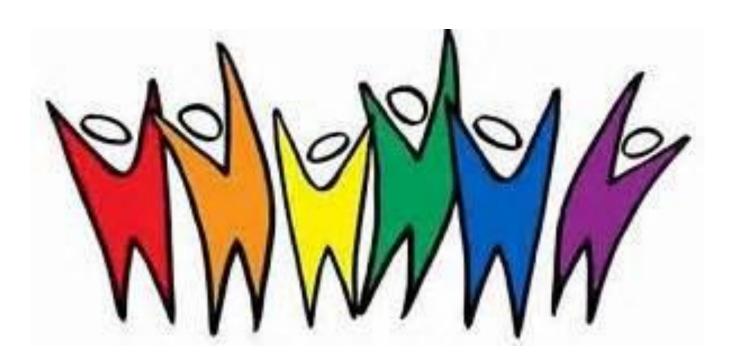
### National Association of Council

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities

All 56 Councils on **Developmental Disabilities** answer to and are funded by the federal Administration on **Intellectual and Developmental** Disabilities (AIDD).



## Every Council must work on advocacy, capacity-building, and systemic change activities



## SCDD serves people with developmental disabilities and their families throughout the *entire* state of California.



SCDD has its headquarters in Sacramento

#### Silicon Valley-Monterey Bay

North Valley Hills

Sequoia

Bay Area

North Bay

**Sacramento** 

North State

**North Coast** 



San

Central Coast

**Bernardino** 

San

<u>Diego</u>

**Imperial** 

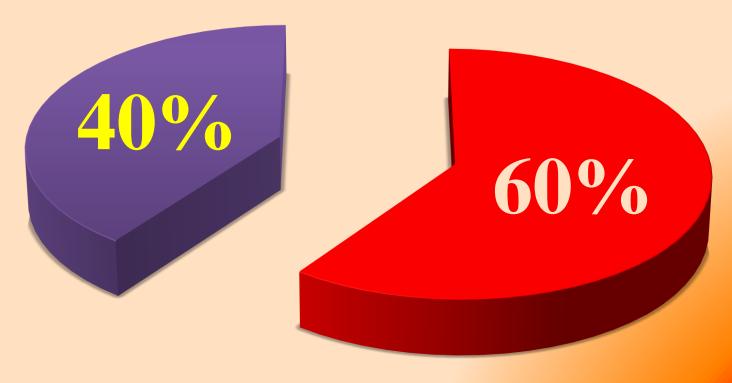


### The Federal DD Act identifies the people who should be a part of the Council



...to make changes.

#### **Council Membership**



- People with developmental disabilities or their family members
- Others

Self-Advocates and/or their family members represent 60% of every Council.

They make sure that the voices, opinions, and needs of people with developmental disabilities are heard and respected.

In California, that means that there will be at least twenty (20) people on the Council who have a developmental disability or are family members of someone with a developmental disability.



"Councils provide a venue where policymakers and agencies listen to people with developmental disabilities and their family members."

(Sheryl Matney)



So, there are other important representatives that serve on Councils, too.



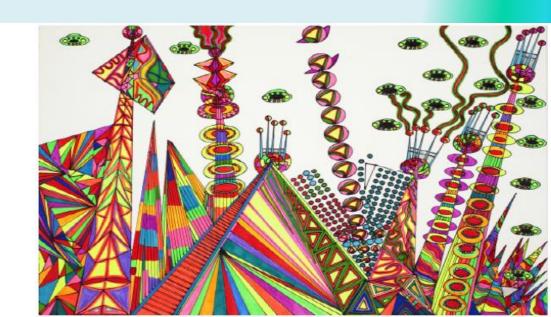
### Protection & Advocacy Organizations



# Rights Advocacy Lawsuits Legislation Abuse Investigations Peer Self-Advocacy

### OCRA is the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy

Providing free legal information, advice and representation to regional center clients.



University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service

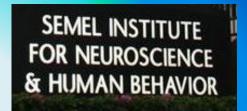
There are 67 UCEDDs that have projects of national significance.







UCLA Tarjan Center



#### **UCEDDs** provide:

- Training and Education
  - Technical Assistance
  - Service and Advocacy
    - Research
  - Information Sharing
    - Clinical Services
  - Prevention and Early Intervention
- Community-Based Programs



The
Association
of University
Centers on
Disabilities
(AUCD)

## There are eleven (11) state-level agency representatives on the Council

CALIFORNIA



### Developmental Disabilities



California State
Department of
Developmental
Disabilities

### Education



### Health

California
Department of
Health and
Human Services





employment and independent living resource for people with disabilities



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## Non-Governmental Agency

There must be one person who is part of a community-based organization that is concerned about people with developmental disabilities.



## It's the job of the Council and its collaborative partners to keep watch over the system of supports and services for people with developmental disabilities.





"Councils are the only entities established at the state level with a federal mandate to change state systems."

(Sheryl Matney)



ENCOURAGING **AND SUPPORTING** SELF-**ADVOCACY** 

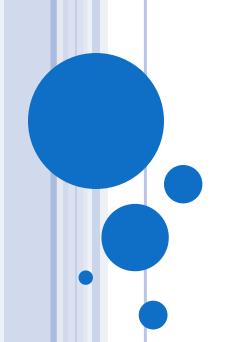




Making sure that California's laws are designed to protect and support people with disabilities.

#### **TRAINING**

Training self-advocates, family members, and others in the community about services, supports, and other types of assistance for people with developmental disabilities.





...and finding new ways of doing things.



It is the job of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to support and serve people in California with developmental disabilities and those who care about them.

We take that job very, very seriously

